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OF THE

SALEM EAST-INDIA MARINE SOCIETY,

MASSACHUSETTS:

AN ASSOCIATION OF MASTERS AND COMMANDERS OF VESSELS, AND OF SUCH PERSONS AS MAY BE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED, WHO HAVE BEEN, OR ARE, ENGAGED IN THE EAST-INDIA TRADE FROM THE TOWN OF SALEM.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

An Act to Incorporate BENJAMIN HODGES *and others, into a Society by the name of* THE SALEM EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, Benjamin Hodges, and others, have petitioned to be incorporated for the laudable purpose of affording relief to disabled Seamen, and to the indigent Widows, and families of deceased Members and others; and of promoting a knowledge of navigation and trade to the *East Indies*.

SEC. 1.—*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Benjamin Hodges, Benjamin Carpenter, John Osgood, and Jacob Crowninshield, together with all others who now are, or hereafter may be associated with them, be, and they

hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of *The Salem East India Marine Society*, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer, and be answered unto, defend, and be defended, in all Courts and places whatsoever, in all actions, real, personal, and mixed; and the said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a Common Seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure, and shall have and enjoy, all the privileges and powers incident to a Corporation.

Sec. 2.—*Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation be, and the same is hereby made capable in Law, of having and holding, by gift, grant, device, or otherwise, any Estate, real or personal, *Provided*, the same shall not exceed forty thousand dollars in value.

Sec. 3.—*Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation may annually, or at any special meeting, called for the purpose, elect all such officers, and make,

establish, and put in execution such Bye-Laws, rules and regulations, as to calling future meetings, the election and admission of Members, and the Government thereof, as they shall judge to be necessary ; *Provided*, that the same shall in no respect be repugnant to the Laws and Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Sec. 4.—*And be it further enacted*, That the aforenamed Benjamin Hodges, Benjamin Carpenter, and John Osgood, or any two of them, be, and they hereby are authorized, by a notification under their hands, published in the Salem Gazette, three weeks successively, to call a meeting of the Members of said Society, to be holden at any suitable place in said Salem.

Sec. 5.—*Provided*, nevertheless, that the said Society, shall neither directly nor indirectly, deal, or trade in buying or selling any goods, wares or merchandize, or commodities whatsoever ; *Provided, also*, no person shall be eligible as a member of said Society, unless such

as have actually navigated the Seas near the *Cape of Good Hope, or Cape Horn.*

In the House of Representatives, March 2d, 1801,

This Bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

EDWARD H. ROBBINS, *Speaker.*

In Senate, March 3d, 1801,

This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS, *President.*

March 3d 1801,

By the Governor approved,

CALEB STRONG.

A True Copy, Attest,

JOHN AVERY, *Secretary.*

BYE-LAWS.

We the Subscribers, being fully convinced that advantages would result from a friendly association of such persons as have, or shall navigate in the Seas near or beyond the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn, either as Masters or Commanders of Ships, or as Factors or Supercargoes—have formed ourselves into a Society, by the name of *The Salem East-India Marine Society*, and do hereby agree to the following

ARTICLES.

Art. 1.—Any person shall be eligible as a Member of this society, who shall have actually navigated the Seas near the Cape of Good Hope, or Cape Horn, either as Master or Commander, or (being of the age of twenty one years) as Factor or Supercargo of any vessel belonging to Salem—or, if resident in Salem, of any vessel belonging to any port in the United States.

ART. 2.—The election of Members shall be by ballot, and the votes of three-fourths of the Members present shall be necessary to admission; and no vote on the admission of a Candidate shall be taken at the same meeting at which he is proposed, unless for sufficient reasons the President and Committee shall direct it.

ART. 3.—The Society shall have a President, a Committee of Observation, consisting of three Members, a Treasurer, an Inspector of the Journals, and a Secretary; to be chosen by ballot annually, on the first Wednesday in January; and in case a vacancy shall take place in either of said offices by death or otherwise, the Society at their next stated meeting shall fill the same for the residue of the year.

ART. 4.—The President shall preside at all meetings, receive and sign all communications, and direct the execution of all orders of the Society; and no publication shall be made of any of its doings without the consent of the President or a vote of the Society.

ART. 5.—The Committee of observation, with the consent of the President, shall purchase such Books of History, of Voyages and Travels, and of Navigation, as they may think useful to the Society, shall inspect the records of the Society, and in the absence of the President at any meeting, the senior member of this Committee who may be present, shall preside.

ART. 6.—The Treasurer shall keep a true and full account of all monies received and paid on account of the Society, and of all property of whatever name, belonging to the Society, and shall give bond to the satisfaction of the President and Committee for the faithful discharge of his trust, and annually submit his accounts to the inspection of the President and Committee for settlement, and such settlement shall be signed by the President and laid before the Society at their annual meeting in January.

ART. 7.—The Inspector of the Journals shall receive from the members, the

Journals of their respective voyages, which he shall arrange and keep in the Library of the Society, for the use of the members, under such regulations as the President and Committee may direct. He shall also record in Books to be kept for the purpose, such communications as the President and Committee may think useful to Navigation.

Art. 8.—The Secretary shall furnish every member with a printed copy of the Bye-Laws and Regulations, and shall notify the members of the time of meeting, by leaving a written or printed notification at their respective dwellings, at least one day previous to the meeting. He shall also record in books to be kept for that purpose, all transactions of the Society; and shall receive and deliver to the Treasurer, the sums due from the members for their admission, assessments and fines.

Art. 9.—The Society shall meet six times in a year, namely, on the first Wednesday in each of the months of January, March, May, July, September,

and November, at such hour as the President may direct.

ART. 10.—Each member at his admission shall pay to the Society the sum of twenty five dollars, and the further sum of fifty cents at each stated meeting for the term of twelve years from his admission, when this assessment shall cease.

ART. 11.—Any member duly warned, who shall neglect to attend at the time and place appointed for a meeting, unless prevented by absence from town, or sickness, or unless he shall offer some excuse, which shall be accepted by the President and Committee, shall pay a fine of twenty five cents to the Society.

ART. 12.—The President and Committee shall provide a convenient place for the meeting of the members, and for the safe keeping of the Books, Papers, Charts, Curiosities, and other property of the Society.

ART. 13.—The Members shall collect such useful publications, or articles of curiosity, as they think will be acceptable to the Society, either as donations thereto,

or to be held in their own private right for the temporary use of the Society, under such terms as may be agreed on with the President and Committee.

ART. 14.—Every member bound to sea, shall receive a Blank Journal from the Secretary, in which he shall enter the occurrences of his voyage, and particularly his observations of the variation of the compass, bearings and distances of Capes and head-lands, of the latitude and longitude of Ports, Islands, Rocks, and Shoals, and of Soundings, Tides and Currents, and on his return shall deliver the same to the Inspector of the Journals for the use of the Society.

ART. 15.—The President and Committee may order a public dinner to be provided for the Members annually, at such time and place as they shall think best; and the expences shall be paid by such members as are notified to attend, except such as shall, ten days at least before the time appointed, signify in writing to the Secretary their intention not to partake of the same, and also,

such as shall be excused by the President and Committee.

ART. 16.—Every member who shall have been within this Commonwealth, and have neglected to pay his assessments for two years—or, within the United States, and have neglected the same for four years, and after an account of such assessments shall have been delivered to him, or who shall in any way disturb the harmony of the Society, shall be liable to be expelled therefrom, by the votes of three fourths of the members present. But no expulsion shall take place at the same meeting at which it is proposed, nor until the member complained of shall have been notified of the same, which shall be done by delivering him a written notification signed by the Secretary, or leaving the same at his usual place of abode, at least one month previous to the vote being taken.

ART. 17.—If any member, by shipwreck, capture, or other unavoidable misfortune become unable to pay his

assessments, all demands upon him may be suspended, at the discretion of the President and Committee.

Art. 18.—The Capital Stock of the Society shall be invested under the direction of the President and Committee, in the Stock of some incorporated companies, or in the public funds—or let at interest on bond or mortgage of land within the town of Salem, of at least double the amount, and free from all incumbrances.

Art. 19.—The Widows and Children of deceased members, or should there not be such, their parents, who may need assistance, shall be entitled to receive a proportion of the interest of the Society's funds, annually, not exceeding one quarter part, at the discretion, and under the direction of the President and Committee. And if any member should need assistance, it may be granted from the funds of the Society, or by private donations, as the Society may direct.

Art. 20.—To prevent injuries from

unfounded charges of misconduct in foreign voyages, the Society shall on application of any member who may conceive himself thus charged, institute an enquiry by a special Committee of five persons to be chosen by ballot, who shall report the result thereof; and if two thirds of the members present are of opinion that the charges are unfounded, the person applying shall be entitled to a certificate of the same, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary.

ART. 21.—Politics shall not on any occasion be introduced into the Society.

ART. 22.—No new Bye-Law shall be binding on the Society, until it shall have been reported at one of the stated meetings by a Committee chosen at some previous meeting for the purpose. The votes on each article shall be taken seperately by ballot; and the names of the voters, with the number of votes for and against the same, shall be entered on the books of the Society; and it shall be binding when a majority of all the members shall have approved of it.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.

Time of Admission.	*No.*	*Members' Names.*
1799 Oct.	*1	Jonathan Lambert
	2	Ichabod Nichols.
	3	Benjamin Carpenter
	*4	Benjamin Hodges
	5	John Osgood
	6	Jonathan Mason
	7	Benjamin Crowninshield
	8	Thomas Chipman
	9	Daniel Sage
	10	John Ropes
	11	Jonathan Hodges
	*12	Jacob Crowninshield
	13	Benjamin Webb, junr.
	*14	Henry Clarke
	15	Nathaniel Silsbee
	16	John Prince, junr.
	*17	John Felt
	18	Joseph Ropes
	*19	William Richardson
	20	Benjamin Bullock
	21	Richard Gardner
	22	William Robinson
	23	Josiah Orne
	*24	John Gibaut
	25	George Girdler Smith
	26	Jonathan Ingersol
	27	Thomas Putnam
	*28	Daniel Hathorne
	29	Edward West
	30	Jonathan Carnes
	31	Clifford Crowninshield

Nov.	32	James Barr
Dec.	33	George Hodges
	*34	Enoch Swett
	35	Israel Williams
	36	Moses Townsend
	37	Benjamin Lander
1800 March	38	Samuel G. Derby
	39	Samuel Lambert
	40	Henry Elkins
May	41	John Burchmore
June	42	James Devereux
July	43	William Ives
Aug.	44	George Nichols
	45	William Ward
	46	Richard Wheatland
Sept.	47	Elias H. Derby
	48	Henry Prince
	49	Nathaniel Bowditch
	50	Stephen Phillips
Nov.	51	Dudley L. Pickman
	52	Samuel Skerry
Dec.	*53	William Brown
1801 Jan.	*54	Joseph Orne
	*55	George Ropes
May	56	William Mugford
Aug.	57	Joseph White, jr.
Dec.	58	Nathaniel Ingersoll
1802 July	59	Henry Tibbets
	60	Timothy Bryant
Sept.	61	George Burchmore
	62	Nathaniel Appleton
	63	John Barton
	64	Nathan Robinson
	65	James Stewart
	66	Joseph Phippen
1803 Jan.	67	Daniel Saunders
	68	John Collins

	March	69	Johnson Briggs
		70	Joshua Goodale
	Sept.	71	George Cleveland
	Nov.	72	William Lander, jr.
		73	John Holman
		74	Thomas Bickford
1804	Jan.	* 75	Richard Ashton
		76	John Endicott
		77	John Forrister
		78	Joseph Knapp
		79	John Clarke
	March	80	Thomas B. Osgood
		81	John Andrew
	May	82	William Ashton
		83	James Gilchrist
		84	Ward Blackler
	July	85	Benjamin Swett
		86	Jeremiah Briggs
	Sept.	* 87	John R. Dalling
		88	Solomon Towne
		89	Abijah Northey, jr.
		90	Jesse Smith
		91	Jeremiah L. Page
		92	George Peirce
	Nov.	93	William P. Orne
		94	Henry White
		95	William Story
		96	Thomas West
		* 97	Nathaniel Hathorne
1805	March	98	Thomas Ruee
	Sept.	99	William Haskell
	Nov.	100	William Allen
		101	Jonathan Goodhue
		102	William Russel
		103	Charles Burril
1806	Jan.	104	Francis Coffin
	March	105	Peter Lander, jr.

	July	106	John Becket, jr.
	Sept.	107	Nathan Leach
		108	John White
		109	Joseph Beedle
	Nov.	110	Thomas W. Ward
		111	Benjamin Goodhue, 3d.
		112	Nathaniel Fisher, jr.
		113	Richard Ward, jr.
		114	Charles Saunders
		115	Samuel Tucker
		116	Timothy Wellman, 3d.
		117	Benjamin Bickford
1807	Jan.	118	Oliver Obear
	May	119	Gamaliel H. Ward
		120	Robert Emery
		121	George Dutch
	July	122	John Winn
	Sept.	123	Jacob Endicott
		124	John Carlton
		125	Stephen White
	Nov.	126	Samuel Rea
		127	John Dodge, jr.
		128	James Cook
		129	William Fairfield
1808	Jan.	130	Edward Norris
		131	Nathaniel W. Williams